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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: MILITARY AID TO ZAIRE

REF: STATE 080399 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED CAREFULLY THE TOTALITY OF GOZ REQUESTS AND HAVE
KEYED OUR PRIORITY LISTING TO PARAGRAPH 3 REFTTEL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED,
HOWEVER, THAT COMMUNICATIONS AND AIRCRAFT SPARES/REPAIRS HAVE COEQUAL
PRIORITY.

A. COMMUNICATIONS

150 AN/PRC-77 RADIOS	\$1,059,000
30 RACAL RADIOS	320,000
COMMO SPARES (KIN 2320)	33,000
COMMO SPARES (KIN 3316)	INK
15 100 AMP IGNITION SYSTEMS	13,000
30 AUX PRC-77 POWER UNITS	12,000
2 COLLINS HF SYSTEMS	250,000
SIGNAL PANELS (70 SETS)	1,000

B. AIRCRAFT (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY USG PER STATE 032527)

C130 NOSE-GEAR REPAIR	210,000
C130 SPARES (KIN 3044)	500,000
CESSNA SPARES	65,000
326 C130 SPARES	350,000

C. SPARES FOR TRUCKS AND JEEPS

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SIX EACH-500 GAL FUEL BLADDERS, COMPLETE (NOTE: THIS IS A
NEW REQUEST OF WHICH YOU ARE UNINFORMED AT THIS TIME.)

D. MAPS: AS REQUIRED, ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

2. TENTS, C RATIONS, MEDICINES PER KIN 3265. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO
MORE SHARPLY DEFINE REQUESTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND REPORT SEPTTEL.
TENTS FOR 3000 PERSONNEL REPORTED PARA 3A SHOULD READ PONCHOS

REPEAT PONCHOS.

3. WET LEASE OF COMMERCIAL C130'S. WE ESTIMATE THAT A MINIMUM OF THREE C130 MISSIONS PER DAY ARE REQUIRED FOR WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION TO SHABA. ADDITIONALLY, THESE SAME AIRCRAFT ARE FLYING APPROXIMATELY TWO MISSIONS PER DAY IN SUPPORT OF RETAIL DISTRIBUTION OF BOTH PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL WITHIN THE SHABA. SORTIE LOSS BECAUSE OF NORMAL MAINTENANCE IS ON THE ORDER OF THIRTY PERCENT. WITH ONLY FIVE QUALIFIED PILOTS, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS SUSTAINED PERIOD OF HEAVY FLYING WILL CREATE CREW FATIGUE PROBLEMS THUS INCREASING THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCIDENTS. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS URGENT THAT FAZA BE AUGMENTED AND UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT APPEARS THAT COMMERCIAL WET LEASE OF TWO C130 AIRCRAFT FOR THIRTY DAYS DRAWING DOWN ON FMS FUNDS IS A VIABLE SOLUTION.

4. TRANSPORT OF COCA COLA. THE REQUEST FOR COCA COLA TRANSPORT APPEARS TO US TO BE A VALID REQUEST SINCE THIS IS A COMBINATION MORALE/NUTRITIONAL ITEM. COKE IS A STAPLE IN THE ZAIRIAN DIET AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS C RATIONS. BOTTLED COKE PRESENTS ENORMOUS LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN THAT FAZ WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH BREAKAGE AND RETURNABLES. TINNED, POP TOP COKE IS LIGHTER, UNBREAKABLE AND MORE DURABLE TO FIELD TRANSPORT.

5. WE FURTHER SUGGEST THAT CONTINUING SUPPORT BE PROVIDED BY EXISTING FMS CASES AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT - CASES BAF, UDG

PRC 77 BATTERIES - 1000 PER MONTH

PRC 77 SPARE PARTS, 10 PER CENT OF -35P LISTING FOR 250 SETS

GRC 106 SPARE PARTS, 10 PERCENT OF -35P LISTING FOR 50 SETS.

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10-20 KW ONON GENERATOR SPARE PARTS, 10 PER CENT PER MONTH FOR 15 SETS.

10-20 KW GAS GENERATOR SPARE PARTS, 10 PER CENT PER MONTH FOR 10 SETS.

B. C130 SUPPORT - USAF PERSONNEL ARE DUE TO ARRIVE KINSHASA 18 APRIL TO FINALIZE DETAILS OF A SUPPLY SUPPORT AGREEMENT. COMPLETION OF THIS AGREEMENT (USG HAS APPROVED FOR FY 77 EXPENDITURE PER STATE 032527) SHOULD HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN ORDER TO INSURE THE CONTINUOUS FLOW OF CRITICALLY NEEDED SPARES FOR A HEAVILY USED C130 FLEET.

C. TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT- CASES BAE, BAF, BAG (BASED ON 50 JEEPS,

35 TRUCKS, AND 6 APC'S IN THE A/O)

JEEPS - 15 TIRES/TUBES PER MONTH

5 PROP SHAFTS PER MONTH

10 U-JOINTS PER MONTH

TRUCKS - 15 TIRES/TUBES PER MONTH

AIR FILTERS - 1 PER VEHICLE PER MONTH

(JEEPS, TRUCKS, APC'S)

JEEP MISC REPAIR PARTS - BELT SETS, TUNE UP KITS, ETC. -

5 SETS PER MONTH

6. DESCRIPTION OF MEASURES TAKEN TO ENSURE MATERIAL REACHES TROOPS.

A. BELGIAN ADVISORY LOGISTICAL PERSONNEL HAVE INFORMED ZAMISH THAT FOUR FUEL BLADDERS, MEDICINES, UNIFORMS AND LBE, RADIOS, AND RADIO BATTERIES PLUS A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF C RATIONS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO SHABA. KIN 3315 INDICATES BELGIAN/FRENCH ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD. AS OF 10 APRIL, THE BELGIANS HAVE COMPLETELY INVENTORIED AND CATALOGUED EQUIPMENT FOUND AT BARO. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS ACCOMPLISHING THE SAME TASK AT BASE LOGISTIQUE AND MBANZA NGUNGU. THE FRENCH HAVE PLACED A SENIOR AIR FORCE COLONEL AT NDJILI AIRPORT, OSTENSIBLY TO ADVISE KIKUNDA (CHIEF OF STAFF); IN REALITY HE WILL ACT AS AN OPERATIONS OFFICER. THE FRENCH ADVISORY PERSONNEL AT KOLWEZI WILL ASSIST IN CONTROLLING AND DISTRIBUTING SUPPLIES IN THAT AREA. THEY HAVE ALSO TALKED OF PLACING A LOGISTIC ADVISORY TEAM AT KAMINA BUT NOT ACCOMPLISHED AS YET.

B. THE SYSTEM ESTABLISHED IS AS FOLLOWS: SUPPLY REQUESTS BY
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GENERAL SINGHA AT KOLWEZI ARE RECEIVED DAILY AT DDN. BELGIAN LOGISTIC ADVISOR AT DDN, COORDINATING WITH DDNJ4 FILLS REQUEST, KEEPING A RUNNING INVENTORY. FRENCH ADVISOR AT NDJILI AIRPORT TRANS-LATES REQUESTS INTO C130 SORTIES AND INSURES SUPPLIES ARE DISPATCHED TO SHABA.

7. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL UNDERSTAND THAT FOREGOING SYSTEM FOR CHANNELING SUPPLIES IS OUT OF OUR HANDS. WE TOO CONTINUE TO HEAR REPORTS OF DIVERSION OF US SUPPLIES, BUT THEY ARE SO FAR UNCONFIRMED AND WE HAVE NO EFFECTIVE WAY OF CHECKING. WE'LL DO OUR BEST.

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